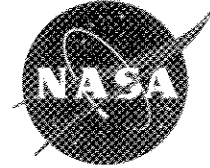


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the 2010 National Technology Summit Reception and Gala hosted by Tennessee Valley Corridor on May 26, 2010

On May 26, 2010, Tennessee Valley Corridor, a non-profit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a reception and gala at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. This event will give the conference attendees the opportunity to network with local, D.C. government and business leaders.

This event will be a widely-attended gathering of approximately 325 representatives of NASA, the aerospace industry, the legislative branch, federal and state government, trade associations, academia, and media. The cost of the reception will be approximately \$75.00 per person. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2). I have determined that free attendance at the above mentioned event is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations. The event will provide NASA employees with the opportunity to discuss NASA programs with representatives of the communities participating in the event.

Accordingly, NASA employees-including employees who are in non-career positions in which Executive Order 13490 requires signing an ethics pledge-who have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations for accompanying spouses or guests. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i), regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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Adam F. Greenstone